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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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DEAR EDITOR: Will you please publish an article on Pernicious Anæmia,—care, treatment, complications, symptoms, and prognosis,—in your next number? It seems difficult to find any literature on the subject. N. J. H., R.N.

A QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED BY SCHOOL NURSES

DEAR EDITOR: In your next JOURNAL will you kindly tell the easiest way to remove nits from the hair? We have no trouble in killing them but have found no easy way to remove them. We have tried vinegar and alum but without the success we would wish. A. J. C.

[We think kerosene and a fine-toothed comb were the means employed in our training days. Has this been improved upon?—Ed.]

HOTEL LIFE OF NURSES

I.

DEAR EDITOR: As a private duty nurse I wish to express my appreciation and love of the JOURNAL. I subscribed for it soon after graduation in 1907 and think more of its value with each issue of the magazine.

I notice a letter in the March number on "Hotel Life of Nurses" and feel ashamed that any nurse should allow herself to be treated as if she were a lady's maid or waitress. I am a thoroughly western woman and have had no experience in eastern hotels, but "out west" no one would think of being so discourteous to us. We go to the same table as members of the family and are served the same. Occasionally the management objects to a nurse wearing a uniform to the dining-room. At such times I have either made a hurried change or had my meals sent to my room. As for tolerating indignities for fear of dismissal, that is entirely out of keeping with our profession. M. E. L.

II.

DEAR EDITOR: In the March number of the JOURNAL I read an article entitled "Hotel Life of Nurses." As no case of this character has ever come to my personal knowledge, I was surprised to learn that in some instances a nurse is expected to eat her meals with the employes and maids. I am inclined to think that the fault lies with the nurse; as no self-respecting nurse would agree to such an arrangement. I am confident very few doctors would expect a nurse to do so; and few patients either, if the nurse's demeanor towards the patient had been proper. I think the prospect of being dismissed from the case ought not to deter the nurse from taking a firm stand in this matter, as it is her duty to elevate the position of the nursing profession, and uphold its dignity. I think many other nurses will agree with me on this subject. M. W., R. N.